locomotives and signalling and Telecom. gears are conducted. To minimise accidents at level crossings, publicity through audio-visual means is carried out to educate the road users to negotiate level crossings in a safe manner.

एक्सप्रेस शटल रेलगाड़ी का चलाया जाना

4818. **श्री राघवजी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या प्रतिदिन यात्रा करने वाले मासिक पास धारक यात्रियों की भारी संख्या को देखते हुए बीना-भोपाल के मध्य एक एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ी चलाने की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब से चलाये जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) :

(क) जी नहीं

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) परिचालनिक कठिनाइयों तथा संसाधनों की तंगी के कारण ।

Travelling without ticket in Suburban trains

4819. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a decline in the number of tickets sold in the suburban sections of the railways in Bombay; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to plug the leakage in revenue ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, special and surprise checks are regularly conducted against ticketless/irregular travel.

Loss suffered by Western Railway due to Kisan agitation in Gujarat

4820. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the losses suffered by the Western Railway as a result of the recent Kisan agitation in the State of Gujarat.

(b) the extent to which train services were paralysed due to this agitation ; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the situation and to save the property of the Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Rs. 85,000/- approximately.

(b) While 48 passenger trains were cancelled and 27 passenger trains terminated enroute, 2 passenger trains suffered detention.

(c) Security arrangements were beefed up besides escorting passenger trains and guarding vulnerable points in coordination with Government Railway Police/Local Police and Civil Administration.

Conversion of railway lines in Rajasthan

4821. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have so far undertaken any survey or got the matter examined pertaining to (i) conversion of Pipar Road Bilara MG line into BG line in view of huge deposits of cement grade lime stone available in Bilara area of Rajasthan and (ii) conversion of Merta City MG line into BG line which is the birth place of illustrious saint "Meera Bai' and great warriour, Jaimal, besides having huge deposits of lime-stone in this historic city of Rajasthan.

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands now in respect of Part (a) above as on date; and

(c) whether resources are available during the year 1994-95 for this purpose and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir. However, Merta Road-Merta City MG line has already been converted to BG.

(b) Conversion of Pipar Road-Bilara will be considered along with remaining lines when phase II of the Action Plan is taken up.

(c) Does not arise, as Pipar Road-Bilara is not a sanctioned work.

Linking of Bhiwadi with broad-gauge line

4822. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Bhiwadi occupies an important place not only in Rajasthan but in the industrial map of the country ;

(b) if so, whether Government have so far taken any final decision to link up Bhiwadi with Jaipur-Delhi-Ahmedabad broad gauge line ; and

(c) what budgetary provisions have been made for the year 1994-95 as well as during the Eighth Five Year Plan period for the new broad gauge and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Nil as the work is not sanctioned.

मगध एक्सप्रेस को आगे तक चलाया जाना

4823. श्री जनार्दन यादव : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार मगध एक्सप्रेस को साहिब गंज तक बढाने तथा इसमें वहां से एक ए० सी० सवारी डिब्बा जोड़ने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक ; और

(ग) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर न में है तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) परिचालनिक कठिनाइयां तथा संसाधनों की तंगी ।

रेलवे द्वारा डीजल की खपत की मात्रा

4824. **श्री जनार्दन यादव** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान रेलवे द्वारा वर्ष-वार कुल कितनी मात्रा में डीजल की खपत की गई; और

(ख) मंत्रालय यह डीजल कहां से और किस प्रकार से प्राप्त करता है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) भारतीय रेलों द्वारा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कर्षण और गैर-कर्षण दोनों प्रयोजनों के लिए उपयोग में लाए गए उच्च गति डीजल तेल की कुल मात्रा इस प्रकार है :

1990-91	17,40,885 किलोमीटर
1991-92	17,60,864 ,,
1992-93	17,72,284 ,,

(ख) उच्च गति डीजल तेल की खरीद सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के तीन उपक्रमों यथा इंडियन आयल कार्पोरेशन, भारत पेट्रोलियम कार्पोरेशन और हिन्दुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन से दर संविदा के आधार पर की जाती है ।

Number of coolies at railway stations

4825. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that at Delhi Railway Station the number of Coolies is less than at New Delhi railway station;